

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Claim 17 has been cancelled, and claims 1-16, 26-29 and 33-34 were previously cancelled. Accordingly, claims 18-25, 30-32 and 35-36 remain in this application. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 18-25, 30-32 and 35-36 are allowed.

Claim 17 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 7,171,965 to Young et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,748,947 to Keane. Applicant submits that the cancellation of claim 17 renders this rejection moot.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which she might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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